

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. - 11. (Canceled)

12. (New) Transport container system, comprising

a non-foldable or foldable crate,

the crate comprising a rectangular bottom and four rigid lateral wall

adjoining the bottom and defining a rectangular opening in a plane parallel to the bottom,

a unitary top for augmenting height of the lateral walls of the crate and thereby providing a transport container of a increased volumetric capacity,

the top being constituted of a natural material and comprising four rigid lateral walls of sufficient strength to permit transport container stacking and defining a rectangular opening conforming to the rectangular opening of the crate, and

fasteners for attaching the top when unfolded, to the crate at the opening thereof so that the lateral walls of the top augment height of the lateral walls of the crate.

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13. (New) Transport container system according to claim 12, wherein the top has respective fold lines at corners thereof whereby the top is foldable into a compact configuration when not in use.

14. (New) Transport container system according to claim 12, wherein the top comprises wood or cardboard and is thereby suitable for disposal after single use.

15. (New) Transport container system according to claim 12, wherein said fasteners are attached to either the top or the lateral walls of the crate and are releasably engageable with the lateral walls of the crate if attached to the top and are releasably engageable with the top if attached to the lateral of the crate.

16. (New) Transport container system according to claim 12, further comprising corner stiffeners at corners of the top.

17. (New) Transport container system according to claim 12, wherein the lateral walls of the crate each have an irregular lower edge below the crate bottom and

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the lateral walls of the top each having an irregular edge for being received in mating engagement with the irregular lower edges of the crate thereby to provide stable stackability of a plurality of transport containers each comprised of a respective said crate and a respective said top.

18. (New) Top for a transport container system comprising a non-foldable or foldable crate which has a rectangular bottom and four rigid lateral walls adjoining the bottom and defining a rectangular opening in a plane parallel to the opening, the top comprising

four rigid lateral walls connected in the configuration of a rectangular frame of sufficient strength to permit transport container stacking and defining an opening matching the opening of the crate, whereby the top is configured for augmenting height of the crate thereby to increase volumetric capacity of the container system,

the top having a respective fold line at each corner thereof and being foldable along the fold lines into a compact configuration when not in use.

19. (New) Top according to claim 18, wherein

the top is dimensioned so as to fit on a crate of dimensions that fit a EURO palette.

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20. (New) Top according to claim 18, wherein
the lateral walls of the top each have an irregular edge for being received
in mating engagement with irregular edges of the lateral walls of the crate
thereby to provide stable stackability of a plurality of transport containers.

21. (New) Transport container system comprising
a top according to claim 18, and
fasteners attached to the top for engagement with the lateral walls of the
crate.

22. (New) Top according to claim 18, wherein
the lateral walls are comprised of cardboard and are 3 to 10 cm high.

23. (New) Top according to claim 18, wherein
the lateral walls are 3 to 6 cm high.